

EXHIBIT NO. 4

DATE 3-27-07

BILL NO. HB 426

**ELIMINATE LIMITATION ON COUNTY ROAD
AND BRIDGE DEPRECIATION RESERVE FUNDS**

It is the intent of the Montana Association of Counties to support efforts to remove the current limit of \$500,000 as established in Section 7-14-2506, MCA for the County Road and Bridge Depreciation Reserve Fund.

WHEREAS, under current Montana law, the governing body of a county may establish a road depreciation and/or a bridge depreciation reserve fund to be used for acquisition and replacement of property and equipment; and

WHEREAS, said fund which capped at \$500,000 by 7-14-2506 MCA; and

WHEREAS, many projects or acquisitions can substantially exceed the funds accumulated;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the county road depreciation reserve fund and bridge depreciation reserve fund limitations (7-14-2506 MCA) be removed as follows:

7-14-2506. County road and bridge capital improvement fund -- limitation. The governing body of a county may establish a road and bridge capital improvement fund in accordance with the provisions of Title 7, chapter 6, part 6. ~~The fund may not exceed \$500,000.~~

SPONSOR:	MACo Resolutions Committee
RECOMMENDATION:	Do Pass
PRIORITY:	High
REFERRED TO:	MACo Transportation Committee Montana Association of Road Supervisors
ADOPTED:	Annual Conference, Bozeman, MT September 27, 2006

RELEVANT STATUTE

7-14-2506. County road and bridge capital improvement fund -- limitation. The governing body of a county may establish a road and bridge capital improvement fund in accordance with the provisions of Title 7, chapter 6, part 6. The fund may not exceed \$500,000.